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RESPONSE AND AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.111

This paper is being filed in response to the Office Action mailed January 29, 2003 in the subject patent application. A response to the Office Action was due on April 29, 2003. A Petition for a Three-Month Extension of Time, and fee authorization, such that the term for responding now expires on July 29, 2003, is enclosed herewith. Accordingly, this response is being timely filed.